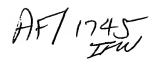


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In response to the Office Action dated **November 10, 2004**, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: